

## Questions concerning Regional Conferences

1. To what extent should uniform regulations govern all of the Regional Conferences? The territory is vast and conditions decidedly differ. This underlying question needs to be had in mind even if it is not answered except in specific matters.
2. Should the regulation adopted at the Meeting of the Committee of Arrangements December 9th to the effect that there should be only one member of the official deputations from each communion applying to the West Indies' Conferences? Before this action was taken by the Committee of Arrangements, the Northern Presbyterian Board and the Northern Women's Presbyterian Board had each been invited to provide a member of the deputation. The Women's Board had appointed its representative and there is good hope of a representative from the General Board. ~~xxxxxx~~ In Cuba, for another instance, the American Baptist Home Mission Society, The Womens American Baptist Home Mission Society and the one Mission Board or the Southern Baptist Convention are all conducting work. These three organizations are absolutely distinct and independent of each other, yet they all belong to the same communion. As mission affairs are conducted in the West Indies the official deputation would better be composed of a representative from each Board.
3. The instructions of our Committee of Arrangements of August 9th for the guidance of the Regional workers says that, "Each mission should be represented by at least one delegate." What is meant by "missions?" In some communions that means a group of mission stations; in others its only meanings are the whole work of the Board in the region or a local mission station. It cannot mean the former in this case, that is, that there be only one delegate for a communion or board in the whole region. On the other hand, can it mean one from each organized mission station? The latter interpretation would be inconsistent with our previous statement saying, that "It is strongly advised that the membership of each Conference should be limited to fifty or at least seventy-five."
4. As to the composition of the Conferences, we recommend that, "Approximately ~~xxxx~~ half of each Conference should be composed of Latin Americans, if practicable." A letter from the Chairman of the Committee of Arrangements in Porto Rico says, "Our idea at present is that for practical results, we shall have to have a majority of the delegates to consist of American missionaries. Especially if the business of the Conference is to be transacted in English,-- But evening meetings will have to be in Spanish and will be of an inspirational character." On the other hand a letter from the Chairman of the Committee of Arrangements in Cuba says "There has been some question among the missionaries of the Island as to the wisdom of a limited body. Some of us had the idea that the meetings were to be open to all christian workers who wished to attend in order that the larger number might receive the benefit and inspiration expected from the Conferences. We have had the idea that it was for information and inspiration, rather than for legislation, and for that reason cannot see the necessity of especially appointed representatives of the different denominations." Dr. S. A. Neblett, a superintendent of work in Cuba also writes, "I understand that suggestions which have the practical force of instructions have been sent from New York concerning arrangements for the Havana Regional Conference. The number of delegates is limited and somehow I cannot rid myself of the impression that there will not be much free and open discussion of missionary problems; but that as at Edinburgh, no man will be given the floor unless the "Managers" know and approve of what he is going to say. Such cut and dried proceedings do not promise much help nor elicit much enthusiasm."

5. Who is to be the traveling Secretary of the "Americas" Conferences? Our statement has been that, "The Committee of Arrangements designate a traveling Secretary to keep the records of all the Regional Conferences in behalf of each deputation."

6. What shall be our final instruction as to the length of the Regional Conferences? In one communication we have spoken of five days and in another have said that each Conference should not exceed four days.

7. Should copies of the first proofsheets of the Panama Congress Commissions be sent to the Chairman of the Corresponding Regional Commissions so that they may know the drift of the work? This would be with explanation that many alterations will ultimately be made.



January 24th, 1916.

The Right Rev. Arthur L. Lloyd, D.D.,  
281 Fourth Avenue,  
New York City.

My dear Bishop Lloyd,

In connection with Col. Goethals's letter to Bishop Knight with reference to the Panama Congress, I think you will be interested in my exchange of letters with Col. Goethals a year ago, as soon as the Congress was projected and we began to make the plans for it, I wrote Col. Goethals and also to the Secretary of War sending them copies of our statements. The Secretary of War replied thanking us for our "courtesy and thoughtfulness" but saying nothing more as we had not anticipated that he would.

To Col. Goethals I wrote as follows:

"I venture to bring to your attention the proposed conference described in the enclosed bulletin, with the assurance that you will be interested in these plans to draw together in the closest cooperation the different missionary agencies and evangelical churches at work in Latin America, and also that you will be interested in the plan of bringing to Panama in February, 1916, men from all the Latin American lands who are interested in the promotion of religion, education and philanthropy in these countries. We have the hearty cooperation of the Union Church in the Zone and trust that the holding of the conference in Panama will strengthen the work of the Union Church and confirm the idea of such interdenominational unity and also draw closer together the leaders of the evangelical churches in these different countries.

"We shall be glad, if we may, to send you succeeding bulletins reporting preparations for the conference. We shall be happy if, when the conference is held, we might hope for your presence at the opening session, at least, with such word of welcome as you might feel it appropriate to speak.

"It was proposed that the conference should be held in Buenos Aires or Rio, but after consultation with the missionaries and the churches in different fields, it was agreed that Panama would be the most central point and the point to which especially the native Christian leaders would be glad to have an opportunity of going.

"Trusting that the plans which have been outlined may meet with your approval and sympathy, I am, "

etc.

Dr. Lloyd -2-

To this Col. Goethals, under date of February 12th, 1915, replied as follows:

"I acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 1st instant regarding conference on missions in Latin America which it is proposed to hold at Panama in February, 1916, and assure you that we shall be glad to cooperate with you in any way that we can consistently. I shall be glad to receive your succeeding bulletins reporting preparations for the conference."

As you know, the conference has not changed its character in the least, but has only made more clear its purpose to discuss the questions before it in as Christian, that is, as loving and constructive a spirit as it can.

My impression was that we had received also a note from Bishop Knight last winter expressing his sympathy and assent, and we have a record of this letter in our filing department as having been passed over to Mr. Inman. He is unable at the present, however, to put his hand upon it.

Very faithfully yours,

WHL/MS

January 25, 1916.

PANAMA CONGRESS REPRESENTATION - PRESBYTERIAN FOREIGN BOARD.  
( C- Deputation to Regional Conference in Colombia)  
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Dear Mr. Goddard:

Understanding that you are to accompany the Deputation around South America, as a representative of the American Board, the thought occurred to me that you might wisely keep in mind the possibility of the American Board later on undertaking some work in South America ~~in~~ recognition of their <sup>share of the</sup> responsibility for the evangelization of this great continent.

You might ~~for~~ inquiry and study and observation be able to recommend to your board some definite field that is free for their occupancy and there by be in position to render substantial aid to this great cause.

Yours etc -

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SUGGESTED EXPENDITURE OF \$2500. FOR NORTH AMERICAN AND LATIN AMERICAN  
DELEGATES AS PROVIDED FOR IN BUDGET.

Judge del Toro	\$250.00
Miss Cortez	200.00
Prof. E. Nelson	200.00
Prof. Galvez	100.00
Rev. Matthias dos Santos	150.00
E. M. Sein	100.00
Mr. Garza Mora	100.00
Jose de la Rua	250.00
Rev. Manuel Andujar	75.00
Mr. Mellen	75.00
Total - - - -	<u>1500.00</u>

Prof. Fitzgerald (Univ. of Ill.)	100.00
Dr. C. Smith (Cornell )	100.00
J. G. Dale	50.00
W. B. Grubb or W. C. Morris	250.00
Pres. King	300.00
Dean Russell	200.00
Total - - -	<u>1000.00</u>



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Partial draft of minutes of  
COMMITTEE ON COOPERATION IN LATIN AMERICA  
Saturday, Feb. 19, 1916.

Present: Messrs. Speer, Oldham, Taylor, Cook, W.C. Brown, McCombs, Colton, Tebbetts, Wolf, Chester, King, E.T. Fox, A. McLean, Pepper, Stark, Barnes, Mott, Ryder, McNairne, Vance, Inman; Misses Carnahan, Spencer, Hodge, Head, Mrs. Harrison, Mrs. Westfall, Mrs. MacDowell

Members of the committee coöpted: Dr. Mott, Bp. Brown, Mr. Olcott, Mr. Pepper, Dr. S. Earl Taylor, Mrs. MacDowell, Miss Hodge, Dr. Vance and President King.

Organization:

Chairman	Mr. Speer
Vice-Chairmen	Bp. Brown and Bp. Oldham
Treasurer	Mr. James H. Post
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Chairmen of Committees:

Finance	Mr. Olcott
Sur. & Occup.	Mr. Colton
Education	Pres. King
Literature	Dr. Barnes
Home Base	Dr. Taylor

Members of Executive Committee:

Mr. Speer  
Bp. Brown  
Mr. Olcott  
Mr. Colton  
Pres. King  
Dr. Barnes  
Dr. Taylor  
Dr. Cook  
Dr. Chester  
Dr. Ray  
Miss Hodge  
Dr. Mott

Further members of Committees:

Finance	Mr. Pepper; coöpt Mr. Post and Mr. Revell
Sur. & Occup.	Dr. Thompson, Dr. McLean, Bp. Oldham, Mrs. MacDowell, representative of C.W.B.M., Dr. Franklin, Dr. Hough, Prof. Beach
Education	Dr. Cook, Miss Carnahan, Miss Head, Mr. E.F. Bell
Literature	Mr. Tebbetts, Dr. Chester, Mr. F.L. Brown, Dr. Haven, Miss Hodge; coöpt Dr. Swift, Mr. Hicks, Mr. Revell, Dr. Winton, Mrs. Harrison
Home Base	Dr. Ryder, Dr. Vance, Dr. Morrill, Mrs. Westfall, Miss Spencer; coöpt Mr. Turner

VOTED that the volumes in Spanish and Portuguese be published by the Missionary Education Movement in New York as companion volumes of the other volumes, and without the imprint of the Missionary Education Movement.

VOTED that the time and place of the annual meeting of the Committee on Cooperation be fixed by the Executive Committee in association with the annual home and foreign missions conferences in New York

It was suggested that letters be written to ministerial associations suggesting meetings in the interest of Latin America and giving the names of delegates who would be available for addresses.

VOTED that the Chairman appoint local committees for cities like New York, Chicago, St. Louis, Nashville made up of two or three men in attendance at the Congress, the committees to be charged with the duty of working up meetings in their respective cities.

VOTED that further questions of the relation of Regional Conferences to the Committee be referred to the Executive Committee with power.

VOTED to refer the suggestion concerning a magazine for all Latin America to the Committee on Literature

WORK OF EXECUTIVE SECRETARY. It was felt that the time of the secretary for this year should be spent mostly in New York but that some time would well be spent on the field. As to his attendance at the Havana or San Juan Regional Conference, this was referred to Messrs. Speer, Mott, Barnes and Inman with power.

BUDGET for fiscal year

House-rent	- - - - -	\$ 800.
Rent of offices	- - - - -	1,000
Office help	- - - - -	2,500
Printing and postage	- - - - -	1,000
Revising Commission reports	- -	500
Expenses of Exec.Com.out of town		500
Expenses of Special Committees	-	500
Assisting national or Regional Committees in Latin America	-	<u>1,700</u>

\$10,000

VOTED to add \$500 to the item for expenses of executive committee out of town and to include an item for further compensation of the Executive Secretary, and contingent fund, to increase total to \$12,000.

VOTED that the matter of cooperation in Mexico be studied by the Committee on Survey and Occupation and that it report existing facts and conditions to the boards interested.

VOTED to request Mr. McNairne to request the missionary societies in Great Britain to consider the possibility of cooperating more fully with regard to the unoccupied fields in Latin America.

The Chairman was asked to write a letter to Mr. Goddard concerning the possibility of the American Board undertaking work in South America

VOTED to refer the matter of sending a communication to the Lutheran bodies to the Committee on Survey and Occupation.

VOTED that as early as possible and in whatever way may seem best, word be sent to the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society through Dr. Haggard inviting them to cooperate in the South American field.



VOTED that this Committee request the Methodist and Presbyterian foreign boards, in consultation with the Committees of this Committee, to consider matters relating to their various interrelations in Latin America.

VOTED to give authority to the committee of women -- for whom Miss Head was speaking concerning writing a letter with the authority of this Committee.

VOTED to accept the request from Mexican missionary for a deputation for next autumn. Correspondence to be with Dr. Butler.

VOTED to refer minutes of last meetings of the Congress to the Chairman and the Secretary.

VOTED to refer the appeal of Mr. Ravi to the Executive Committee

VOTED to refer the matter of sending communications to the churches abroad and the churches at home concerning the establishment of this Committee to the Executive Committee--both the advisability of such letters and their preparation.

VOTED that we now extend an invitation to President King to go, under our auspices, throughout the principal educational centers of Latin America or as many as he can on his sabbatical year, to give apologetic lectures to the educated classes and the missionaries. (Secretary advised)

VOTED to send cablegram at request of Dr. Barnes and Dr. Taylor -- MB Home Board and San Juan conference.

VOTED to request the Committee on Education to consider desirability and feasibility of sending a deputation of educators to South America, etc.

VOTED that we invite the Disciples of Christ to undertake further work in Latin America in consultation with the Committee on Survey and Occupation.

VOTED to send an invitation to the American Baptist Home Missions Society, and Woman's Am.Bapt.Home Miss.Soc. to undertake further work in central part of Central America, -- Com. on Sur.& Occup.

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Report



# Cooperation Com

## Organization

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Report of the Congress.

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## Committee

3 On literature

1 On survey & organization of Cotton

2 On education - Dr. Cook - working

on how propaganda - how best - the increase of interest & appeal at home. Taylor

5. On the Church - Evangelical work

6. Finance Committee

Applying article paper as Com. member.  
Working on literature. Russell

✓ On reaction to the logical department:

Time & and why place

Panama City Report meeting at home

Relation to the regional committees:

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Secretary to General Committee

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The Pan Am. Bureau.

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Members of last year

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Communication to the Com. to the various Boards

" and British Organization. W. H. Jones of Pan

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Lectures in the university culture

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Apr 25

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